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Mr. Geoff Ziezulewicz 1020 11th St., Apt. 7 Bellingham, WA 98225

Subj: YOUR FOIA REQUEST DON-NAVY-2023-004734

Dear Mr. Ziezulewicz:

This letter is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), assigned tracking number DON-NAVY-2023-004734, dated January 30, 2023, in which you seek a copy of "any and all charge sheets pertaining to the court-martial of LT Sean Pine, who pleaded guilty to charges in October 2022. A copy of the summary of trial result, or SOTR, form for the abovementioned case."

The following documents provided are responsive to your request: Charge sheet ICO LT Sean Pine and Statement of Trial Results ICO LT Sean Pine.

The documents are provided with redactions pursuant to the following FOIA exemption: exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA, 5 USC § 552, which exempts the disclosure of information which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. All responsive records were reviewed for release with the presumption of openness. Any redactions were made only after consideration of whether disclosure would cause reasonably foreseeable harm due to an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, I found that disclosure of the names and contact information of the persons involved provides no further public interest sufficient to outweigh their expectation of privacy.

In accordance with Navy policy, all fees have been waived.

I am the official responsible reviewing your request. If you have any questions, please contact my FOIA Coordinator at maria.m.miele2.ln@us.navy.mil

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide the appellate authority the following in an envelope marked "FOIA appeal":

- a letter requesting an appeal that explains what you are appealing with any supporting arguments or reasons you think may be worthy of consideration;
- a copy of your initial request;
- a copy of the letter of denial.

Also, please provide us with a copy of your appeal letter at maria.m.miele2.ln@us.navy.mil.

There are two ways to file an appeal: through FOIAonline or by mail.

1. Through FOIAonline. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIAonline before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIAonline (this is a website that will appear as the top hitif you search the internet for "FOIAonline"), click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will have the power to file an appeal on FOIAonline to any request you file on FOIAonline thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

2. By mail. Address your appeal to:

The Judge Advocate General (Code 14) 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA coordinator at maria.m.miele2.ln@us.navy.mil. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information.

Sincerely,

N. R. D'Arco